

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

VISITOR INFORMATION

BLOOMINGTON VISITORS CENTER

The Visitors Center is your official travel information source for everything from personalized restaurant recommendations to day trip suggestions. The friendly, expert staff is on hand to provide driving directions, maps, and information on all the interesting things to see, do, and experience in and around the Bloomington area. Don't forget to browse through the Btown Store for unique Bloomington souvenirs and locally-made items.
2855 N. Walnut St.; 812-334-8900
or 800-800-0037; visitbloomington.com

DOWNTOWN VISITORS CENTER & BCT BOX OFFICE

The Downtown Visitors Center provides information on current events and activities, particularly those in the downtown area and the Bloomington Entertainment & Arts District. The BCT Box Office offers ticketing for many local events. Conveniently located just off the courthouse square, this is your one-stop shop for information in the downtown area. 114 E. Kirkwood Ave.; 812-323-3020; bctboxoffice.com

IU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The IU Alumni Association activates IU's powerful global network of nearly 600,000 IU graduates. If you're visiting IU, stop by IUAA headquarters at the Virgil T. DeVault Alumni Center, located just across from Assembly Hall. Returning to Bloomington to celebrate a milestone? Reserve an event space in the DeVault Alumni Center. *Virgil T. DeVault Alumni Center; 1000 E. 17th St.; 812-855-4822; alumni.indiana.edu*

IU VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

This is the official front door of Indiana University, located just outside the Sample Gates. Pick up a campus map, arrange a tour, and get all your IU-related questions answered. 530 E. Kirkwood Ave., Suite 104; 812-856-GOIU (4648); indiana.edu/~iuvis

KEY SITES & DISTRICTS

BLOOMINGTON CITY HALL

Formerly the home of the Showers Brothers Furniture factory, this historic building now serves as Bloomington's City Hall. The lobby often showcases local artwork. The covered parking area, known as Showers Common, doubles as the home of numerous local festivals and events. 401 N. Morton St.; 812-349-3400; bloomington.in.gov

BLOOMINGTON ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS DISTRICT

BEAD is Bloomington's premier arts and entertainment destination located in the heart of downtown. Explore the work of artists indoors and out at our galleries and public art spaces. Take in a show at one of our theaters and live music venues. Choose from more than 90 downtown dining options and 100 shopping opportunities. Stroll walking trails or picnic at one of our three parks. Make a weekend of it at a downtown hotel or a lifetime of it at one of our downtown residential neighborhoods. BEAD is a designated Indiana Cultural District by the State of Indiana and an economic development project of the City of Bloomington. 812-349-3534; visitbead.com

BLOOMINGTON/MONROE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

The Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center in downtown Bloomington offers 24,000 square feet of meeting space with 10 spacious, private meeting rooms and banquet facilities. Centered in the heart of Bloomington's Historic District and Bloomington Entertainment and Arts District, the Convention Center is only steps away from all that downtown Bloomington has to offer. Conveniently connected to the Courtyard by Marriott hotel. Originally built in 1923, the building was referred to as Ford Corner. The Convention Center still has the charm of the past with many modern updates. 302 S. College Ave.; 812-336-3681; bloomingtonconvention.com

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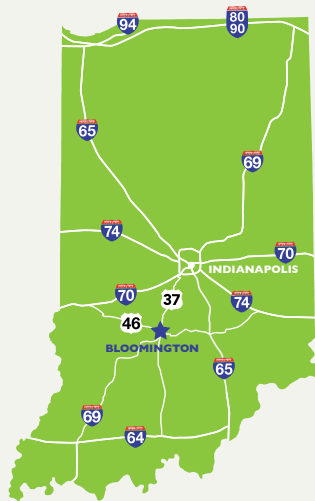


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SAMPLE GATES



GETTING HERE

Bloomington is located in the heart of the Midwest, in one of the region's most picturesque areas. Just 45 minutes south of Indianapolis, two hours from Louisville, and four hours from Chicago, Bloomington is conveniently located within a day's drive of over half of the U.S. population, making it a convenient place to visit. Three major roads provide easy access: Indiana State Road 37 runs north-south providing a direct route to Indianapolis in the north, I-69 provides access from southwestern Indiana, and Indiana State Road 46 runs east-west across the entire state. No matter where you're coming from, you'll find Bloomington easily accessible.

DOWNTOWN BLOOMINGTON, INC.

Downtown Bloomington, Inc. is dedicated to the promotion and support of Bloomington's vibrant downtown area, where shopping, restaurants, and history are the key ingredients. DBI is a certified Main Street Community, which is a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. 812-336-3681; downtownbloomington.com

MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Located in the center of the downtown square, this majestic 1907 limestone building is typical of early Monroe County architecture. This beautiful facility was renovated in 2012 to highlight and enhance many of the original design elements of the building. It serves as the home of Monroe County Government. Self-guided tours are available at the entrance. 100 W. 5th St.; co.monroe.in.us

SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOURS

More than a dozen self-guided tours are available to help you explore the area. Discover the secrets of the county courthouse, explore Hoagy Carmichael's favorite hangouts, or stroll through the Vinegar Hill Limestone Historic District among homes that once belonged to limestone carvers and IU faculty. Available at the Monroe County History Center and the Bloomington Visitors Center.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BLOOMINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEDC is the catalyst for retention, development, and attraction of quality jobs in Bloomington/Monroe County. BEDC focuses on connecting talent, employers, organizations, and startups through strategic partnerships and economic development assistance programs, and by hosting the Bloomington Life Sciences and Bloomington Technology Partnerships, initiatives that foster the growth of these industries.

1720 N. Kinser Pike, Suite 001;
812-335-7346; comparebloomington.us

POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS (ESTIMATED)

Monroe County is home to just over 141,000 people. Nearly 82,000 of them reside within the City of Bloomington, including 42,000 IU students during the school year. Nearby Ellettsville boasts over 6,500 residents. The median age of the county's residents is 28.1 years and the population is highly educated with almost 43% having a bachelor degree or higher.

PARKING

Several lots and garages are located throughout the city and spaces are available for a nominal fee. Metered parking is available throughout the downtown area. Visitor parking is available in select lots on the IU campus, and daily IU parking passes can be purchased at the Bloomington Visitors Center, which are valid in all lots. Look for signs to direct you or see the transportation page on visitbloomington.com for details.



B-LINE TRAIL

LIQUOR LAWS

The minimum drinking age in Indiana is 21. Alcohol may be sold in licensed establishments from 9 am to 3 am, Monday through Saturday, and from 11 am to 3 am on Sunday. Indiana law prohibits the sale of packaged liquor on Sundays unless purchased directly from a local winery or brewery. Open containers are not allowed in vehicles at any time.

SMOKING ORDINANCE

The city's smoking ordinance prohibits smoking in all public spaces, including restaurants, bars, and outdoor seating areas. The ordinance is designed to protect the public health and welfare of the community and its visitors from the hazards induced by breathing secondhand smoke. For more information, visit smokefreebloomington.org.

TRANSPORTATION

Local Bus Services:

BLOOMINGTON TRANSIT

Bloomington's public transportation system provides several convenient bus routes to take you throughout the city of Bloomington. Cash fares are one dollar per person. The main bus terminal is located at the corner of Walnut and Third Streets. 812-336-7433; bloomingtontransit.com

IU CAMPUS BUS

Indiana University's Campus Bus Service provides free transportation around the IU campus. 812-855-8384; iubus.indiana.edu

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MOVING TO BLOOMINGTON?

CHOOSING A HOME

Each neighborhood has its own distinct personality, friendly faces, and local flavor. Check out the local Board of Realtors website at homefinder.org for current home listings.

BLOOMINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB

Founded to give new residents an opportunity to meet others who are also new to town, the Newcomers Club encourages members to learn more about the area through meetings and a variety of interest groups. bloomingtonnewcomers.org

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EDUCATION

Bloomington and Monroe County boast several high-quality public education facilities as well as several private schools. For a complete list of schools, contact the school corporations or the Bloomington Visitors Center.

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

315 E. North Dr.; 812-330-7700; mccsc.edu

RICHLAND-BEAN BLOSSOM COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORP.

600 S. Edgewood Dr., Ellettsville; 812-876-7100; rbccsc.k12.in.us

INDIANA UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFICE

300 N. Jordan Ave.; 812-855-0661 or 812-855-4848; admissions.indiana.edu

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

200 Daniels Way; 812-332-1559; ivytech.edu/bloomington



NEIGHBORING TOWNS IN MONROE COUNTY

Contact the Bloomington Visitors Center at 800-800-0037 for driving directions or more information on these and other nearby communities.

TOWN OF ELLETTSVILLE

Just seven miles west of Bloomington, Ellettsville is known for a hometown atmosphere and as a center of the local limestone industry. There you'll find unique restaurants and shopping, and special events including the Indiana Limestone Symposium each June, the Monroe County Fall Festival in September, and the Hilly Hundred Bicycle Tour in October. *Chamber of Commerce;* 812-876-6611; ellettsvillechamber.org

HARRODSBURG

Just 12 miles south of Bloomington, near Monroe Lake, is the town of Harrodsburg. First established in 1837, this small town is host to the Heritage Days Festival in late October.

STINESVILLE

Incorporated in 1855, this quaint small town is 11 miles northwest of Bloomington. It was once at the center of a thriving Indiana limestone industry, evidence of which can still be seen as you drive along the curvy country roads around town. Plan a visit during the Stone Quarry Festival in late September.

SMITHVILLE

Also in the southern part of the county is the town of Smithville. This little town is close to Monroe Lake, and a great stopping point on the way to Fairfax SRA, especially on Saturdays in warmer months when they have their weekly farmers' market.



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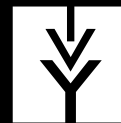
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